GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:421
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000
EDUCATION GUARANTEE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to implement Education Guarantee Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the basic details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to have greater community participation at the village level therein;

(d) if so, the details of financial assistance proposed to be provided to the States thereunder;

(e) whether some time limit has been fixed to ensure implementation of the scheme in all districts of the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
g) whether any study has been conducted for ascertaining the reasons for the children dropping out of schools; and
h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),& (h) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFREED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 421 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH A
2000 REGARDING EDUCATION GUARANTEE SCHEME

The scheme of alternative and Innovative education (AIE) which is currently being finalized, provides for a learning center in all habitations not having a school within a radius of one Kilometre, based on local demand. This component of the AIE scheme is also known as the Education Guarantee scheme. The scheme will involve participation of the community through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRLs) and Village education Committees (VECs) An amount of Rs. 245,00 Crores has been earmarked for assistance to State/UT Governments during 2000-2001 for the AIE scheme. Actual transfer of funds will depend on proposals from the States/Uts.

The revised scheme is likely to be operationalised in the current financial year. The scheme will cover the entire country.

There have been several studies on the problem of school drop-outs. Two nation-wide analyses were carried our as par t of the 42nd Round (1986-87) and 52 nd Round (1995-96) of the National Sample survey, Major reasons identified for school drop-out in these surveys are I) child not interested in study, i) Failure or inability to cope with studies, iii) Financial constraints, v) Participation in household economic activities,) Parents not interested and vi) Domestic work.